

2006 Saltwater Fishing Expenditure Survey



How much do you spend on saltwater recreational fishing?

Your response is important!



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Section A: Your Most Recent Sport Fishing Trip

In this section we ask you about your most recent saltwater **recreational** fishing trip. A **fishing trip** is defined as any portion of a day spent fishing. **Saltwater** is defined as the open ocean or any portion of a bay, sound, or river that is saltwater or brackish water. Except when asked, please do not include any information for other household members or other fishing party members. When completing the questionnaire please print clearly.

A1 Do you ever sell any of the fish you catch or charter your boat?
☐ Yes ☐ No  **Please skip to the next question A2**


a What percentage of your fishing trips last year were purely for recreation, where you sold none of your catch nor took other anglers fishing for hire?
_____ %

b When you sell your fish or take charter trips do you consider yourself a business, trying to make some income, or do you sell or charter only to cover your trip costs?
☐ Make income ☐ Cover trip costs only  **Please skip to the next question A2**

1 Do you consider yourself a full-time commercial fisherman or charter captain?
☐ No, part-time commercial ☐ Yes, full-time commercial  **Please skip to Section C on page 10**

A2 What was the date of your **most recent** saltwater recreational fishing trip?
_____ Month _____ Day _____ Year

A3 On this saltwater fishing trip, did you fish from a...?
☐ Party/charter boat ☐ Shore (beach, bank, jetty, pier)
☐ Private boat ☐ Don't know
☐ Rental boat


A4 Did you target any particular fish species on this trip?
☐ Yes ☐ No  **Please skip to question A4**

a Please list the species you targeted. Do not include fish you caught but did not target.
1. _____
2. _____

A5 What was the nearest city/town to where you launched your boat, cast your line from shore, or boarded a charter boat on this trip?
City: _____ State: _____

A6 Did you take time off from work without pay in order to take this trip?
☐ Yes ☐ No

A7 Including yourself, how many people traveled together on this trip?
_____ # of People

 **A8** Was your fishing on this trip part of a longer trip in which you spent at least one night away from your residence?

☐ Yes

☐ No



Please skip to question A9



a How many nights were you away from where you live on this trip?

_____ Nights



b How many days of this trip were spent fishing?

_____ Days (please count partial days as full days)



c Of the days you did not go fishing, how many days did you spend participating in another recreation activity?

_____ Days (please count partial days as full days)



d Did you take this trip **primarily** to go fishing?

☐ Yes

☐ No



A9 How many years have you been saltwater recreational fishing?

_____ # of Years



A10 During the past two months, how many days have you spent fishing in saltwater and freshwater (please count partial days as full days)?

_____ # of Days Saltwater

_____ # of Days Freshwater



A11 During the past two months, how many saltwater fishing trips have you taken from:

_____ Beach or bank

_____ Privately owned boat

_____ Pier, bridge, dock or jetty

_____ Charter, party, or head boat



A12 During the past 12 months, how many days have you spent fishing in saltwater (please count partial days as full days)?

_____ # of Days



A13 Please allocate your total number of days of saltwater fishing from the question above to the following states:

_____ Alabama

_____ Alaska

_____ California

_____ Connecticut

_____ Delaware

_____ Florida

_____ Georgia

_____ Hawaii

_____ Louisiana

_____ Maine

_____ Maryland

_____ Massachusetts

_____ Mississippi

_____ New Hampshire

_____ New Jersey

_____ New York

_____ North Carolina

_____ Oregon

_____ Rhode Island

_____ South Carolina

_____ Texas

_____ Virginia

_____ Washington

_____ Other (please specify: _____)



A14 Approximately how much money did you **PERSONALLY** spend during **THIS TRIP**? Please tell us how many people your expenditure paid for, do not include any costs paid by others and round to nearest dollar.

	Type of Expenditure	Expenditure (most recent trip)	Number of People You Paid For
Transportation	Auto/truck fuel	\$ _____ .00	_____
	Auto/RV rental	\$ _____ .00	_____
	Airfare or other public transport	\$ _____ .00	_____
	Other: _____	\$ _____ .00	_____
Food/Lodging	Lodging (trailer parks, campgrounds, hotels, motels, B&B, etc.)	\$ _____ .00	_____
	Food and drink from grocery or convenience stores	\$ _____ .00	_____
	Food and drink from restaurants and bars	\$ _____ .00	_____
	Other: _____	\$ _____ .00	_____
Fishing Related	Party, charter, or guide fees (including tips)	\$ _____ .00	_____
	Fish filleting fee paid to charter operator or crew	\$ _____ .00	_____
	Processing, freezing, or shipping fee paid to fish processing company	\$ _____ .00	_____
	Fishing tackle (bought or rented for this trip)	\$ _____ .00	_____
	Bait	\$ _____ .00	_____
	Ice	\$ _____ .00	_____
	Fishing tournament, jackpot or derby entry fees	\$ _____ .00	_____
	Boat fuel, lubricants, and repairs	\$ _____ .00	_____
	Moorage, launch, or haul out fees for this trip	\$ _____ .00	_____
	Parking or site access fees	\$ _____ .00	_____
	Gifts/souvenirs	\$ _____ .00	_____
	Other: _____	\$ _____ .00	_____



A15 What percentage of expenditures from **THIS TRIP** were made in the state where you took that trip?

_____ % purchased in state of most recent trip



A16 How much money did you make selling fish from this trip?

\$ _____ .00

Section B: Tackle, Equipment and Durable Fishing Expenditures

In this section we want to know about your expenditures on fishing tackle, related equipment, and large durable items like boats, vehicles and vacation homes purchased during the last year, defined as the previous 12 months. Please keep the following in mind when answering these questions:

- **We are looking for your personal expenditures.** If you shared the purchase of an item, please only give us the amount you personally paid.
- **We are interested in items used for saltwater recreational fishing.** Many of these items have multiple uses. Please indicate the percent of time the item was used for saltwater recreational fishing.
- **We are interested in where the items were purchased.** For tackle and equipment purchases made during the past 12 months please indicate the percent purchased in the state where your most recent trip took place, and for the large durable items you purchased please indicate the state where the expenditure was made.
- **Please round all expenditures to the nearest dollar.**



B1 During the last 12 months, did you spend any money on fishing tackle or fishing gear?



Yes



No



Please skip to question B2 on the next page

Approximately how much money have you **PERSONALLY** spent on the following items of fishing tackle in the last **12 months**? Please indicate the percentage purchased in the state of your last fishing trip and the percentage of each category used for saltwater fishing.

Type of Expenditure	Personal Expenditure	%Purchased In the State of Your Most Recent Trip (0% - 100%)	%Used for Saltwater Fishing (0% - 100%)?
Rods, poles, reels, and components for rodmaking	\$_____.00	_____%	_____%
Tackle (lures, hooks, leaders, sinkers, flies and fly tying supplies, fishing line, etc.)	\$_____.00	_____%	_____%
Gear (tackle boxes, nets, bait containers, knives, gaffs, etc.)	\$_____.00	_____%	_____%



B2 Approximately how much money have you **PERSONALLY** spent on the following items in the last **12 months**? Some of these items have multiple uses other than saltwater fishing. Please indicate the percentage purchased in the state of your last fishing trip and the percentage of time the equipment was used for saltwater recreational fishing.

Type of Expenditure	Personal Expenditure	%Purchased In the State of Your Most Recent Trip (0% - 100%)	% Used for Saltwater Fishing (0% - 100%)
Camping equipment (sleeping bags, packs, tents, etc.)	\$_____.00	_____ %	_____ %
Special saltwater fishing clothing (foul weather gear, boots, waders, masks, wetsuits, etc.)	\$_____.00	_____ %	_____ %
Binoculars, field glasses, etc.	\$_____.00	_____ %	_____ %
Magazine, newspaper, and electronic subscriptions devoted to saltwater recreational fishing	\$_____.00		
Processing or taxidermy fees	\$_____.00	_____ %	_____ %
Dues or contributions to national, state, or local recreational fishing clubs or organizations	\$_____.00	_____ %	_____ %
Saltwater licenses or fees	\$_____.00		
Other (please specify): _____ _____	\$_____.00	_____ %	_____ %



B3 Do you personally own one or more boats that are ever used for saltwater recreational fishing?

☐ Yes

☐ No



Please skip to question B4 on the next page



B3.a Approximately what percentage of the time are your boats used for saltwater recreational fishing?

_____ %



B3.b How long is the boat you use most often for saltwater recreational fishing?

_____ Feet



B3.c Is the boat you use most often motorized?

☐ Yes

_____ Horsepower

☐ No



B3.d Approximately how much money have you **PERSONALLY** spent on boats and boating accessories in the last **12 months**? Please indicate the state where the expenditure was made, indicate if the item was financed, indicate whether the purchase was new or used, and indicate whether the purchase was from a broker/dealer or private party.

Type of Expenditure	Personal Expenditure	State Where Expenditure Occurred	Purchase Financed Yes or No? (check one)	Purchased New or Used? (check one)	Purchased from a Broker/Dealer or Private Party? (check one)
Motor boat and accessories purchased with the boat	\$_____ .00	_____	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	New <input type="checkbox"/> Used <input type="checkbox"/>	Broker/Dealer <input type="checkbox"/> Private Party <input type="checkbox"/>
Non-motorized boat (canoe, kayak)	\$_____ .00	_____	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	New <input type="checkbox"/> Used <input type="checkbox"/>	Broker/Dealer <input type="checkbox"/> Private Party <input type="checkbox"/>
Boat accessories purchased separate from boat	\$_____ .00	_____	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	New <input type="checkbox"/> Used <input type="checkbox"/>	Broker/Dealer <input type="checkbox"/> Private Party <input type="checkbox"/>
Boat mooring/storage	\$_____ .00	_____			
Boat/trailer maintenance	\$_____ .00	_____			
Boat /trailer license and registration	\$_____ .00	_____			
Boat insurance	\$_____ .00	_____			



B4 Do you own a vehicle (truck, beach buggy, motorhome or RV, travel trailer, all terrain vehicle or ATV, truck camper, etc.) that is ever used for saltwater recreational fishing?



☐ Yes

☐ No



Please skip to question B5 on the next page



B4.a Approximately what percentage of the time do you use this vehicle for recreational saltwater fishing?

_____ %



B4.b Approximately how much money have you **PERSONALLY** spent on your vehicle used for saltwater recreational fishing in the last **12 months**?
Please indicate the state where the expenditure was made, indicate if the item was financed, indicate whether the purchase was new or used, and indicate whether the purchase was made from a dealer or a private party.

Type of Expenditure	Personal Expenditure	State Where Expenditure Occurred	Financed Yes or No? (check one)	New or Used? (check one)	Broker/Dealer or Private Party? (check one)
Purchase of a vehicle (truck, beach buggy, motorhome or RV, travel trailer, all terrain vehicle or ATV, etc.) used for saltwater recreational fishing	\$_____ .00	_____	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	New <input type="checkbox"/> Used <input type="checkbox"/>	Broker/Dealer <input type="checkbox"/> Private Party <input type="checkbox"/>
Repair and maintenance for vehicles used for saltwater recreational fishing	\$_____ .00	_____			
Insurance for vehicles used for saltwater recreational fishing	\$_____ .00	_____			

B5 Do you own a cabin or second home that is ever used for saltwater recreational fishing?

☐ Yes

☐ No



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B5.a Approximately what percentage of the time do you use this second home for recreational saltwater fishing?

_____ %

B5.b In which state is your second home located?

B5.d Approximately how much money have you **PERSONALLY** spent on your cabin or second home that you use for saltwater recreational fishing in the last **12 months**? Please indicate if the item was financed, indicate whether the purchase was new or used, and indicate whether the purchase was made from a real estate agent or a private party.

Type of Expenditure	Personal Expenditure	Financed Yes or No? (check one)	New or Used? (check one)	Real Estate Agent or Homeowner? (check one)
Purchase of a cabin or second home used for saltwater recreational fishing	\$_____ .00	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	New <input type="checkbox"/> Used <input type="checkbox"/>	Real Estate Agent <input type="checkbox"/> Homeowner <input type="checkbox"/>
Repair, and maintenance for homes used for saltwater recreational fishing	\$_____ .00			
Insurance for homes used for saltwater recreational fishing	\$_____ .00			

Section C: About You and Your Household

Different types of anglers may have different expenditure patterns. The following questions will help fishery managers understand spending across different types of anglers. The information you provide will remain strictly confidential, and you will not be identified with your answers.



C1 Are you.....?

☐ Male ☐ Female



C2 What year were you born?

Year: _____



C3 How old were you when you learned how to fish?

Age: _____



C4 Who taught you how to fish?

- | | | |
|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mother/stepmother | <input type="checkbox"/> Aunt | <input type="checkbox"/> Female friend (peer) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Father/stepfather | <input type="checkbox"/> Uncle | <input type="checkbox"/> Male friend (peer) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sister | <input type="checkbox"/> Female cousin | <input type="checkbox"/> Girlfriend |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brother | <input type="checkbox"/> Male cousin | <input type="checkbox"/> Boyfriend |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grandmother | <input type="checkbox"/> Husband | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grandfather | <input type="checkbox"/> Wife | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Male mentor (please specify: _____) | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Female mentor (please specify: _____) | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify: _____) | | |




C5 Please list the top three reasons why you go fishing.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____




C6 What is the highest level of education you have completed?


- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less than 9th grade | <input type="checkbox"/> Some college (no degree) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Some high school (no diploma) | <input type="checkbox"/> College graduate (bachelor degree) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> High school graduate (including GED) | <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced, Professional, or doctoral degree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Associates degree or technical school | |

 **C7** What best describes your employment status? Please check all that apply.


- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Employed full-time | <input type="checkbox"/> Student (part-time) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Employed part-time | <input type="checkbox"/> Student (full-time) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Full time homemaker | <input type="checkbox"/> Unemployed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Retired | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)_____ |

 **C8** What is your ethnic background?


- ☐ Hispanic or Latino ☐ Not Hispanic or Latino

 **C9** What is your race (please mark all that apply)?


- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> White | <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black/African American | <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian | |

 **C10** About how many hours do you work per week?


_____ Hours

 **C11** Which of the following categories best describes your household's total annual income before taxes in 2004?

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less than \$10,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000 - \$74,999 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000 - \$14,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$75,000 - \$99,999 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$15,000 - \$24,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000 - \$149,999 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$25,000 - \$34,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$150,000 - \$199,999 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$35,000 - \$49,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$200,000 or more |

 **C12** What percentage of your 2005 household income came from the sale of fish?

_____ %

 **C13** What percentage of your 2005 household income came from the sale of Atlantic bluefin tuna?

_____ %

Thank You for Participating!

Please use the space below to make any additional comments you may have. If you have any questions regarding the survey, please call 1.301.713.2328 or e-mail brad.gentner@noaa.gov

☐ Send me a copy of the results. Please include your name and address.

_____ Name

_____ Address

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